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A special benefit concert to support the victims of last month's devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in Japan will be performed Sunday, April 17 by 11 Lawrence University faculty musicians.

The Concert for Japan, at 8 p.m. in the Lawrence Memorial Chapel, is open to the public, with free-will offerings directed to the Red Cross Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami Relief Fund.



Featuring the music of Brahms, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Schubert and others, the concert will include performances by Janet Anthony, cello; Dewa Ketut Alit Adnyana and Sonja Downing, gamelan; Kenneth Bozeman, Catherine Kautsky, Michael Mizrahi and Nicholas Towns, piano; John Gates, bass; Wen-Lei Gu, violin; Karen Leigh-Post, mezzosoprano; and Steven Paul Spears, tenor.

The concert also will include readings by conservatory of music faculty members Joanne Bozeman, Julie McQuinn and Brigetta Miller.

“With the issues happening in the world, especially in our own country, it is easy to become desensitized to the need of our fellow world citizens in Japan,” said Spears, who organized the benefit concert. “The material for this program is not based in Japanese

culture. However, it is hoped that our work will heighten global awareness in our local community and encourage us to give – whether it be monetarily or through some other form of ourselves.”

On March 11, the northeast coast of Japan was hit with a record 9.0 magnitude earthquake that triggered a 32-foot tsunami. The country’s Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant was severely damaged in the aftermath. To date, the disaster has left an estimated 12,700 dead and 14,700 missing.